SYNOPSIS



Prefiled Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 8, 2014 Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2014 Session.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 8, 2014

SB 1 Senator Hershey

BAY RESTORATION FEE – EXEMPTION – ON–SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM USING BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY

Exempting a user of an on-site sewage disposal system that utilizes the best available technology for nitrogen removal from paying the Bay Restoration Fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 9-1605.2(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 2 Senator Edwards

GARRETT COUNTY – INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS – SETBACK REQUIREMENT

Repealing the authorization for an applicant, on written approval by all owners of property adjacent to a proposed wind turbine in an industrial wind energy conversion system, to seek a variance with the Garrett County Department of Planning and Land Development from a specified setback requirement for an industrial wind energy conversion system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LG, § 13-706(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 3 Senators Jacobs and Simonaire

VEHICLE LAWS – OPERATION OF VEHICLE WHEN APPROACHING A TOW TRUCK OR SERVICE VEHICLE

Requiring drivers approaching a tow truck or service vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using specified visual signals, unless otherwise directed by a police officer or traffic control device, to change lanes into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the tow truck or service vehicle under specified circumstances, or to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-405(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 4 Senator Young

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, to develop and make available for specified vehicles a registration plate to honor the Appalachian Trail; authorizing specified persons to apply to the Administration for the special registration plate for specified classes of vehicles; requiring the owner of a vehicle issued a special registration plate under the Act to pay specified fees; establishing that specified vehicles are exempt from paying specified fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 13-619.4 - added

SB 5 Senator Kittleman

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement that, on or before July 1, 2013, a county or municipality subject to a specified municipal stormwater permit adopt and implement laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality maintain or administer a local watershed protection and restoration fund; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality establish and annually collect a stormwater remediation fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EN, § 4-201.1 - amended and § 4-202.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 6 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

VEHICLE LAWS – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Requiring that specified required inspections, maintenance, and repairs of specified commercial motor vehicles be performed by specified preventive maintenance technicians; defining "preventive maintenance technician" as a person who is able to provide evidence of a demonstrated understanding of specified preventive maintenance inspection criteria through specified experiences; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 23-301 and 23-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 7 Senator Colburn

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – TALBOT COUNTY – OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to authorize the matching fund of a grant for the Oxford Community Center to consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2013, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BW) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 8 Senator Colburn

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION

Decreasing the State corporate income tax rate by .45% each year for 5 years, from 8.25% to 6%.

SENATE OF MARYLAND

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 9 Senator Astle

SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SELL MARINE CORPS UNIFORMS

Providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a sale by specified tax–exempt veterans organizations that sell specified certified and approved United States Marine Corps uniforms; applying the Act retroactively to sales that occur on or after July 1, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TG, § 11-204(b)(6) and (7) - amended and § 11-204(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 10 Senators Young and Brinkley

FREDERICK COUNTY – SLOT MACHINES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Adding Frederick County to the list of counties in which specified nonprofit fraternal, religious, and war veterans' organizations may own and operate not more than five slot machines under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

CR, § 12-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 11 Senator Young

FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS – LICENSE FEES – CIVIC AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Limiting to \$150 the fee that may be charged for a food processing plant license under specified provisions of law to specified civic and nonprofit organizations that process animals for human consumption.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 21-308 - amended

SB 12 Senator Shank

CRIMINAL LAW - CONTRABAND - TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES - PENALTY

Prohibiting a person from attempting to deliver a telecommunication device to a person detained or confined in a specified place of confinement; increasing the penalty for a second or subsequent violation; and requiring a specified sentence to be served consecutive to another sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 9-417 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 13 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishing the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Advisory Committee; providing for the purpose and the membership of the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to submit a specified annual report; providing for the terms of the members of the Advisory Committee; requiring the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to staff the Advisory Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HU, § 10-912 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 14 Senator Reilly

TASK FORCE TO STUDY STARTING TIMES FOR MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Establishing the Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting Task Force members from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement for specified expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations relating to a later starting time for Maryland public schools; requiring the Task Force to submit a report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 15 Senators Jacobs and Ferguson

ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION LIST – REPORTS OF DECEASED VOTERS

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to arrange to receive reports of specified deceased individuals from the United States Social Security Administration; and authorizing the State Administrator to arrange to receive reports of specified deceased individuals from any agency or entity if the State Administrator determines the reports are reliable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EL, § 3-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 16 Senator Klausmeier, et al

CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY – ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND CANCELLATION OF POLICIES – AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to issue policies for employer's liability insurance and insurance under a federal compensation law; and providing an exception to a specified prohibition to allow the Company to cancel or refuse to renew or issue a policy for failure to reimburse the Company under a policy with deductibles as required under a specified provision of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

IN, §§ 24-304 and 24-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 17 Senator Montgomery, et al

FAMILY LAW – PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

Authorizing an individual temporarily authorized by a clerk of a circuit court to perform a specific marriage ceremony in the State; establishing that the authority of a specified individual to perform a marriage ceremony expires at a specified time; and authorizing the Court of Appeals to adopt rules to implement the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

FL, § 2-406 - amended

SB 18 Senators Jacobs and Astle

HIGHER EDUCATION – MILITARY DEPENDENTS – IN–STATE TUITION

Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of active duty and retired members of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 15-106.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 19 Senator Peters

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – GREEN BRANCH ATHLETIC COMPLEX LACROSSE FIELD DOME

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Green Branch Management Group Corp. for the acquisition, planning, design, site development, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Green Branch Athletic Complex lacrosse field dome, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 20 Senators Forehand and Montgomery

OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – NAME CHANGE

Changing the name of the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the Office of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind; changing the name of the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HU, §§ 7-128(13) and 10-302(a)(9) and SG, §§ 9-2401, 9-2402(a), and 9-2404(a) - amended

SB 21 Senator Colburn

FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM - ELIGIBILITY - DRUG TESTING

Adding specified eligibility requirements for individuals applying for or receiving temporary cash assistance benefits under the Family Investment Program (FIP) related to substance abuse screening and testing; establishing that an applicant or a recipient is disqualified from the FIP under specified circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HU, §§ 5-301, 5-308, 5-312(e), and 5-314 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 22 Senator DeGrange

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CALVARY FOOD BANK

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Calvary Community Economic Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Calvary Food Bank, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 23 Senator Young

ESTATES – CLOSING – STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REPORTING OF INCOME (MIKE CADY ACT)

Requiring a court or a register of wills, after an estate has been closed, to provide to the personal representative of the estate a document stating the amount of compensation received by the personal representative and informing the personal representative that the compensation is income that must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service; requiring a court or register of wills to send a copy of the document to the Internal Revenue Service and the Office of the Comptroller; applying the Act only prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ET, § 10-106 - added

SB 24 Senator Jacobs

HIGHER EDUCATION – MILITARY DEPENDENTS – NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION

Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of active duty and retired members of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 15-106.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 25 Senator Reilly

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors by repealing a requirement that specified members of the Commission belong to specified organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BOP, § 16-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 26 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

MOTOR VEHICLES – COMMERCIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT HOLDERS – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES

Establishing that specified administrative penalties and procedures that apply to a holder of a commercial driver's license for specified motor vehicle violations under specified circumstances also apply to the holder of a commercial instructional permit; and altering the defined term "serious traffic violation" to include specified violations related to holding a commercial instructional permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 16-205.1(b)(1)(iii), (f), and (q), 16-803(j), 16-812, 16-813(a), and 16-814 - amended

SB 27 Senator Mathias

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT – PHOSPHORUS RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL OR INDEX – ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to prepare an economic impact analysis before making any change to a specified phosphorus risk assessment tool or index; requiring the economic impact analysis to estimate the cost or economic benefit of a proposed change to a phosphorus risk assessment tool or index to a person required to have a nutrient management plan for nitrogen and phosphorus; requiring the economic impact analysis to include estimates directly related to specified effects of the proposed change; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

AG, § 8-804.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 28 Senator Frosh

PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – BURDEN OF PROOF

Changing the standard of proof, from clear and convincing evidence to a preponderance of the evidence, by which a judge in a peace order hearing must make specified findings before the judge may issue a final peace order or mutual peace orders; changing the standard of proof by which a judge in a protective order hearing must make specified findings before the judge may grant a final protective order or mutual protective orders or extend the term of a protective order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-1505(c) and FL, §§ 4-506(c) and 4-507(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 29 Senators Colburn and Miller

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SANDWICH – SOFT–SHELL CRAB SANDWICH

Designating the soft–shell crab sandwich as the State sandwich.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 13-322 - added

SB 30 Senator Young

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – PERSONAL ELECTRONIC ACCOUNT – PRIVACY PROTECTION

Prohibiting an educational institution from requiring, requesting, suggesting, or causing a student, an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual's personal electronic account; prohibiting an educational institution from compelling, as a condition of acceptance or participation in specified activities, an individual to add individuals to a list of contacts or to change privacy settings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED, § 26-401 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 31 Senators Colburn and Hershey (By Request – Caroline County Commissioners and Dorchester County Council)

CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE – AUTHORIZATION OF DEBT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – SIMPLE MAJORITY PLUS ONE REQUIREMENT

Altering the budget approval process for Chesapeake College to require that capital items or programs that would require specified debt service payments be approved by a simple majority plus one of the member counties that support the college; providing that capital items or programs that are not approved by a simple majority plus one are deleted from the proposed budget and the remainder of the budget is subject to a simple majority approval requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED, § 16-301(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 32 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND – FUNDING

Requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a surcharge on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified cases in the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, and circuit courts; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to assess a surcharge in specified civil cases; and requiring the surcharges to be deposited in the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CJ, §§ 7-102, 7-202(e) and (f), 7-301(c), and 13-603(a) - amended and § 7-202(e) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 33 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

VEHICLE LAWS – RULES OF THE ROAD – USE OF HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES

Prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle in a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane except under specified circumstances; authorizing specified vehicles to be driven in HOV lanes at all times; and defining "HOV Lane".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-314 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 34 Senator Reilly

PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting, except in specified circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a specified physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform specified actions is deemed unprofessional conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

SB 35 Senator Shank

FAMILY LAW – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORT – DISSEMINATION

Repealing a requirement that a specified law enforcement unit provide a copy of a specified domestic violence incident report to the Department of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 4-503.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 36 Senator Mathias

STATE GOVERNMENT – DISPLAY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG ON STATE BUILDING GROUNDS

Requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of State buildings under their control whenever the flag of the United States is flown; requiring that the POW/MIA flag be flown from the State House as provided in a specified provision of law; defining the term "POW/MIA flag"; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SF, § 4-210 - added and SG, §§ 13-204 and 13-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 37 Carroll County Senators

CARROLL COUNTY - GAMING

Authorizing specified organizations in Carroll County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino night under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll County before conducting a card game, card tournament, or casino night; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet specified requirements; specifying that a card game, card tournament, or casino night may be managed and organized by specified organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 13-906 - amended and § 13-906.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 38 Senators Colburn and Hershey (By Request – Caroline County Commissioners and Dorchester County Council)

CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Requiring the Governor to appoint the members of the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College from a list of at least three qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by each county that supports Chesapeake College. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED, § 16-406 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 39 Senator Young

BACK TAXES - NO PENALTY, NO INTEREST

Providing that a tax collector may not assess interest on specified unpaid taxes if the tax collector does not assess a penalty for failure to pay the tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TG, §§ 13-601(a) and 13-602(a) - amended and § 13-602(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 40 Carroll County Senators

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CIRCUIT COURT FOR CARROLL COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 7-204(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 41 Senator Shank

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF

Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of "person eligible for relief" to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 4-501(m) - amended

SB 42 Senator Klausmeier

FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Altering the membership of the Financial Education and Capability Commission to include the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee, rather than a member of the Higher Education Commission; and altering the duties of the Commission to require the Commission to coordinate specified financial education events and activities to highlight a specified month as Financial Education Month.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, §§ 9-803(a) and 9-804(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 43 Senator Benson

CRIMES – SALE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA TO A MINOR – LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION

Authorizing the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to adopt a local law that authorizes the county or municipal corporation to revoke or not to renew the business license of an establishment for the second or subsequent conviction of an employee of the establishment if the violation involves selling or delivering drug paraphernalia to a minor and occurs on the property of the business establishment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 5-619(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 44 Senator Colburn

AGRICULTURE - NOXIOUS WEEDS - REED GRASS

Classifying reed grass (phragmites australis) as a noxious weed subject to investigation, abatement, eradication, and general regulation under the direction of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

AG, § 9-401 - amended

SB 45 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – FIRM PERMITS

Altering specified requirements for the responsible member of an entity providing architectural services; authorizing the State Board of Architects to deny a firm permit to an applicant, reprimand a permit holder, suspend or revoke a permit, or impose a penalty under specified circumstances and subject to specified hearing provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BOP, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 46 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – PROHIBITED ACTS – CIVIL PENALTY

Authorizing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers to impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$5,000 against a person who violates specified provisions of law; requiring the Board to consider specified factors to determine the amount of the penalty; and requiring the Board to pay penalties collected under the Act to the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BOP, § 21-405 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 47 Senator Klausmeier, et al

INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF BUSINESS PROPERTY AND BONUS DEPRECIATION

Limiting to property placed in service before January 1, 2014, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for specified deductions for the cost of business property that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; limiting to property placed in service before January 1, 2014, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for a specified additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for specified business property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-210.1(b)(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 48 Senator Benson

ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES – ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABLED VOTERS

Requiring that, to the extent practicable, an election judge allow a disabled voter who is in a waiting line to vote to sit while waiting or move the disabled voter to the front of the waiting line.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

EL, § 10-308.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 49 Senator Hershey

KENT COUNTY - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2014

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Kent County to issue a beer or wine tasting (BWT) license to the holder of specified alcoholic beverages licenses; providing that the license authorizes, for tasting purposes only, the on–premises consumption of specified beer or wine; limiting the amount of beer or wine that the holder of the license may allow to be consumed by a single individual in a single day; prohibiting a license holder from conducting a beer tasting and a wine tasting in a single day; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, \S 8-408.2 - added and $\S\S$ 16-410(b) and 16-507(p) - amended and CR, \S 10-119(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 50 Senator Frosh

CRIMES – USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OR THE IDENTITY OF ANOTHER – SEXUAL CRIMES

Prohibiting a person from using specified identifying information or the identity of an individual without consent to invite, encourage, or solicit another to commit a sexual crime against the individual; establishing penalties; authorizing a State's Attorney or the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute a violation of the Act; providing that when the Attorney General exercises the authority to investigate and prosecute a violation of the Act, the Attorney General has specified powers and duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 3-325 - added

SB 51 Senator Colburn

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY – CHOPTANK RIVER LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM ARTIFACT ACQUISITION PROJECT

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Cambridge Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition of artifacts and replicas of artifacts and the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of related artifact exhibits at the Choptank River Lighthouse Museum, located in Dorchester County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 52 Senator Benson

TASK FORCE TO STUDY SERVICES AND RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Establishing the Task Force to Study Services and Resources Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding how to improve services and resources provided to veterans residing in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2014; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 53 Senator Middleton

MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund may not discriminate among insureds by charging different premiums to insureds who select, as a payment option, the Fund's installment payment plan instead of a premium finance agreement; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 20-507(g) - amended

SB 54 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Specifying that the duties of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council are to be carried out consistent with the approval of the Division of Labor and Industry; authorizing the Council, under specified circumstances, to designate specified Council members to present the position of the Council to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for consideration of an issue on which the Council and the Division disagree; requiring the Secretary to issue a final decision on the issue; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

LE, §§ 11-405 and 11-406 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 55 Senator Benson

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Seat Pleasant for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the City of Seat Pleasant Public Works Facility, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 56 Senator Middleton

ENVIRONMENT – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES – MARYLAND RECYCLING AND LANDFILL DIVERSION TASK FORCE

Requiring each county and the Department of the Environment to adopt a specified solid waste management hierarchy; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the State undertake specified actions relating to recycling and landfill disposal rates; establishing the Maryland Recycling and Landfill Diversion Task Force; requiring the Task Force to determine the statewide recycling goal and a recycling and landfill portfolio standard that will reduce the amount of solid waste being sent to landfills; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EN, § 9-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 57 Senator Colburn

OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY – DORCHESTER COUNTY – AUTHORITY TO APPOINT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Authorizing the State's Attorney for Dorchester County to appoint criminal investigators, subject to the approval of the Dorchester County Council; authorizing the State's Attorney for Dorchester County to designate a chief investigator and assign other ranks and titles to other criminal investigators; providing that a criminal investigator who is appointed under the Act shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney for Dorchester County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 15-410 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 58 Senator Pugh

EDUCATION - SCHOOL VEHICLES - AUTHORIZED RIDERS

Prohibiting the driver of a school vehicle from allowing specified individuals to board or ride on the school vehicle, subject to specified exceptions; and authorizing specified individuals to board or ride on a school vehicle under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 16-816 - amended

SB 59 Senator Mathias

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PAYROLL TAXES ON EMPLOYEE TIPS

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland individual and corporate income tax in the amount of the reduction of a federal income tax deduction for social security and Medicare taxes paid on behalf of employees that receive tips; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(aa) - added and § 10-307(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 60 Senator Colburn

DORCHESTER COUNTY – CLASS B BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES – SUNDAY SALES

Altering in Dorchester County the hours that a Class B beer and light wine license holder may sell beer and light wine on Sundays for on— and off—premises consumption; and repealing a prohibition against the sale of beer and light wine on Sundays after a specified time for off—premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 11-510(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 61 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS – WRITS OF ACTUAL INNOCENCE, ILLEGAL SENTENCES, AND CORAM NOBIS PETITIONS – REVIEW BY APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

Requiring that appellate review of final judgments in specified criminal proceedings be sought by application for leave to appeal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 12-302 - amended

SB 62 Senator Astle

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – POWERS AND DUTIES – MEMBER TERMS

Specifying that the two-term limit for members of the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust applies only to consecutive terms; and repealing a limitation on the ability of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to solicit or accept a gift, bequest, or lease of real or personal property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, §§ 8-1904 and 8-1906 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 63 Senator Getty (Task Force to Study Laws Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender)

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – EXTENSION

Altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the Laws Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender is required to submit specified findings and recommendations; and extending the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapters 504 and 505 of the Acts of 2012, §§ 4(g) and 9 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 64 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – EDUCATIONAL STABILITY

Requiring the juvenile court to inquire as to the educational stability of a child at specified hearings and proceedings; and authorizing the juvenile court to consider specified factors in determining the educational stability of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-816.4 - added

SB 65 Senator Benson

BUSINESS REGULATION – RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – VIDEO CAMERAS REQUIRED

Requiring each retail service station dealer to maintain at least one operational video camera on the exterior of the premises of the service station for the purpose of recording illegal activity; requiring that the video camera be capable of recording an image of an individual that is of sufficient quality to enable identification of the individual for the purpose of investigation or prosecution of suspected illegal activity; establishing a penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 10-324 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 66 Senator Simonaire

STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAY – YOUNG HEROES DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the first Monday of October to be Young Heroes Day, in recognition of positive contributions that minors have made to society.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 13-413 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 67 Senator Middleton

MENTAL HYGIENE – STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION AND INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION – MODIFICATION

Modifying specified standards for involuntary admissions of individuals with mental disorders to specified facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital under specified circumstances; modifying specified standards for emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 10-601, 10-617(a), 10-622(a) and (c), 10-623(b), 10-626(a), and 10-632(e) - amended

SB 68 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

COURTS - JUVENILES - EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS

Authorizing a person to file a specified petition for expungement of specified juvenile records; requiring the court to serve a specified petition on a specified State's Attorney; authorizing the court to order the expungement of a specified record under specified circumstances; requiring the court to consider specified criteria in its consideration of a specified petition for expungement of records; authorizing and requiring the court to deny a specified petition for expungement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-8A-27.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 69 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

MARYLAND REGISTER – PUBLICATION OF COURT DOCUMENTS – EXCEPTION

Providing for an exception to a requirement that specified court documents be published in the Maryland Register if the court document is posted on the Web site of the Maryland Judiciary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 7-206(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 70 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AGRICULTURE – FERTILIZER – LABELING AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND SALE

Clarifying specified fertilizer labeling requirements and specified restrictions on the use and sale of specified fertilizers and altering the definitions of the terms "guaranteed analysis", "organic fertilizer", and "soil conditioner".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

AG, §§ 6-201(l), (w), and (cc), 6-210(a) and (c), 6-224, and 8-803.5 - amended

SB 71 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – VALUE OF EASEMENT

Prohibiting, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, and with a specified exception, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from purchasing an agricultural land preservation easement for more than 75% or less than 25% of the fair market value of the land; and authorizing the Foundation to purchase an easement for less than 25% of the fair market value of the land if the asking price is less than 25% of the fair market value of the land.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

AG, § 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 72 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

MOTOR VEHICLES - WEIGHT AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS

Establishing that specified provisions of law governing motor vehicle weight limits and single axle load limits do not apply to motor homes and specified buses; repealing a provision of law establishing an enhanced single axle load limit of 24,000 pounds for specified buses; prohibiting a motor home from exceeding the manufacturer's rated load capacity for any tire on the motor home; and increasing to 550 pounds the weight limit tolerance for the use of specified equipment that promotes fuel economy and reduced emissions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 24-108, 24-109, and 24-113.2(c) - amended

SB 73 Senator Colburn

TALBOT COUNTY - CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA - PROSECUTION OR CIVIL SUIT FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS

Requiring a criminal prosecution or a suit for a civil penalty for a violation of specified local laws relating to environmental protection or natural resource conservation occurring in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area in Talbot County to be brought within 3 years after the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays or the local authorities in fact knew or reasonably should have known of the violation; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 5-106(dd) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 74 Senators Klausmeier and Ferguson

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT NOTIFICATION – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Requiring public senior higher education institutions and community colleges in the State to provide specified information on the cost of higher education at the institution to all first–time, full–time undergraduate freshmen.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 15-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 75 Senator Madaleno

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MAXIMUM ALCOHOL CONTENT

Prohibiting a person from selling at retail an alcoholic beverage with an alcohol content of 95% (190 proof) or more; and providing for a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 16-505.2 - added

SB 76 Senator Colburn

DORCHESTER COUNTY SANITARY COMMISSION – ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS – TAX SALE AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Dorchester County Sanitary Commission to request the county tax collector to conduct a sale of real property to enforce a lien representing any unpaid benefit assessment or other specified charges, in accordance with the same procedures governing the sale of property for delinquent property taxes; and authorizing the tax collector in Dorchester County to conduct a county tax sale for the purpose of enforcing a specified lien.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 9-658 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 77 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL AND FARM VEHICLES – SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND UTILITY EMERGENCIES

Altering the definition of "vehicle" to exclude specified farm vehicles for specified purposes relating to vehicle inspections and warnings for defective equipment; repealing a provision prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from adopting regulations applying specified provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to specified farmers and agents or employees of farmers in specified circumstances; repealing the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to declare a utility emergency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 23-301 and 25-111 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 78 Senator Forehand

CRIMINAL LAW – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – VICTIMS UNDER AGE 21

Altering a provision concerning the age of a victim for purposes of specified prohibitions against felony human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 11-303 - amended

SB 79 Senator Middleton

LIMITED LINES – TRAVEL INSURANCE

Altering specified provisions of law relating to limited lines insurance for transportation tickets to relate instead to limited lines travel insurance; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to issue a limited lines license to an individual or a business entity to sell travel insurance; authorizing a travel retailer to offer and disseminate travel insurance under specified circumstances under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, §§ 10-101, 10-122, and 10-130 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 80 Senator Benson

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on an all-terrain vehicle unless the individual is wearing protective headgear and an eye-protective device that meet specified standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-1207.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 81 Senator DeGrange

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Arts Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Arts Center, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 82 Senators Forehand and Zirkin

VEHICLE LAWS – PROHIBITION AGAINST SMOKING IN VEHICLE CONTAINING YOUNG CHILD

Prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle in which a person who is under the age of 8 years is a passenger from smoking a tobacco product or allowing a passenger to smoke in the motor vehicle; establishing a fine of up to \$50 for a violation of the Act; specifying that the Act does not apply to a mobile home under specified circumstances; specifying that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for purposes of the assessment of points; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-1130 and 27-115 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 83 Senators Colburn and Hershey

CAROLINE COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING DATE

Altering to December 31 the date by which Caroline County is required to file a specified annual financial report with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LG, § 16-304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 84 Senator Benson

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – NAME CHANGE

Changing the name of the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services to the Joint Committee on Access to Behavioral Health Services; altering the duties of the Committee by requiring it to monitor access to specified behavioral health services and specified medically necessary services; and altering the information that must be included in a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 2-10A-05 - amended

SB 85 Senator Simonaire

HEALTH - MEDICAL PROCEDURES - ULTRASOUND OPTIONS

Requiring physicians, under specified circumstances, to provide a pregnant woman the opportunity to view the active ultrasound image of the embryo or fetus before the performance or inducement of an abortion; and requiring a physician to allow the pregnant woman to view the ultrasound image at no additional charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 20-210 - added Assigned to: Finance

SB 86 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

VEHICLE LAWS – SIZE, WEIGHT, AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS

Exempting State and local vehicles engaged in emergency snow or ice removal from provisions of law governing size, weight, and axle load limits; repealing a provision of law that authorizes the State Highway Administration to issue limited duration special vehicle permits in exceptional cases of vehicles exceeding size or weight limits; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, §§ 24-101 and 24-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 87 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

DRUNK DRIVING – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – REPEAT OFFENDERS

Repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration impose a specified period of suspension to be served before participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program when modifying a specified suspension imposed on specified repeat drunk or drugged driving offenders; prohibiting specified repeat drunk or drugged driving offenders from operating a motor vehicle in the course of employment without installation of an ignition interlock system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 16-205(e) and 27-107(g) - amended

SB 88 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – SPECIAL BONDS AND BORROWING – REVENUE–BACKED BONDS

Authorizing the Department of Transportation, by resolution of the Secretary of Transportation, to borrow funds to finance the costs of transportation facilities, evidence specified borrowing by the issuance and sale of specified bonds, and pledge and use a dedicated revenue source for the payment of specified principal of and interest on specified bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 3-601 and 3-606(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 89 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED – EXCEPTIONS

Establishing an exception to the requirement that a person have a certificate of need issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission before specified actions are taken relating to a health care facility by altering the definition of a "health care facility" to exclude a comprehensive care facility that is owned and operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and that restricts admissions to specified individuals; and clarifying language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 19-114(d) - amended

SB 90 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – CERTIFICATION TO AUTHORIZE LOBBYING AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF REGISTRATION

Requiring a specified regulated lobbyist to certify under oath or affirmation that the regulated lobbyist is authorized to engage in lobbying for a specified entity; providing for the contents of the certification; authorizing a regulated lobbyist registration to be filed electronically; requiring an electronically filed registration to include a specified certification made by an electronic signature; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, §§ 15-702 and 15-703(c) and (f)(1) - amended and § 15-703(g) - added Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 91 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL BOARDS – COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT

Requiring the State Ethics Commission to adopt specified model provisions for school boards; providing that a specified model provision may be adopted or imposed on a school board under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Ethics Commission, after making a specified determination, to issue an order directing a county or municipal corporation or school board to comply with specified provisions of the Public Ethics Law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SG, §§ 15-205(b) and 15-808 - amended and § 15-816 - added Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 92 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring that specified regulated lobbyists complete an initial and subsequent ethics training course provided by the State Ethics Commission within 6 months of initial registration with the Ethics Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 15-205(e) - amended and § 15-703.1 - added

SB 93 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL INCENTIVES PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Recreational Incentives Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources; stating that the purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether incentive discounts offered to specified individuals increase the purchase of recreational hunting and fishing licenses; requiring the Department to develop a plan to implement the pilot program, subject to requirements and restrictions; requiring the Department to implement the pilot program in accordance with the developed plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, § 1-901 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 94 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

VESSELS – OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF OR IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

Providing that specified alcohol— or drug—related offenses apply to a person operating a vessel propelled only by sail.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

NR, § 8-738(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 95 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)

COMPTROLLER – MONITORING AND RECORDING OF TELEPHONE CALLS – TRAINING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Authorizing the Comptroller of the State to manage the monitoring and recording of specified incoming telephone calls to employees of the Comptroller's call centers for training and quality assurance purposes; prohibiting the Comptroller from recording or monitoring calls to or from direct individual lines in the Office of the Comptroller; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 2-114 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 96 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Establishing initial permit, permit renewal, and permit reinstatement fees for a SHOP Exchange enrollment permit; repealing specified conversion rights for specified group and blanket health insurance contracts; repealing provisions of law governing bona fide wellness programs; authorizing specified insurance carriers to include specified participatory wellness programs as part of an individual or group health benefit plan under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

IN, Various Sections - amended, §§ 15-414 and 15-509 - repealed, and § 15-509 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 97 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE – PUBLIC ADJUSTERS – PROHIBITED INDUCEMENTS

Prohibiting a person from paying or allowing or giving, or from offering to pay or allow or give any valuable consideration to an insured as an inducement to use the services of a public adjuster.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 10-409.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 98 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE MARKETING RULES

Requiring an insurance producer, when soliciting or advertising the sale of a Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan, Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D), or Medicare Section 1876 cost plan, to comply with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicare Marketing Guidelines, including the prohibitions against specified activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 27-224 - added

SB 99 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Providing that a criminal prosecution for engaging in insurance fraud may be brought in specified counties; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, for a civil fraud violation, to impose administrative penalties and order restitution under a specified provision of law under specified circumstances; and providing that, if insurance fraud is determined to have occurred in a specified location, a criminal or civil fraud action for all related violations may be joined in the same action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 2-406 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 100 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE – PREMIUMS AND CHARGES – REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, when reviewing specified administrative expenses submitted by an authorized insurer that are associated with late payments, to include in the review the cost incurred by an authorized insurer or a vendor of the authorized insurer to accept installment payments by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer, or electronic check payment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 27-216(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 101 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND – USE OF FUNDS

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, or other forms of financial assistance, as authorized or required by specified provisions of federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 9-1605.1(d) - amended

SB 102 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH – USE OF ALTERNATE CARE SITES DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Governor to promulgate specified orders, rules, or regulations to authorize the use of specified alternate care sites by accredited health care facilities during a declared state of emergency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, §§ 14-301 and 14-303(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 103 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN – RENAMING AND MODERNIZATION

Changing the name of the Program for Hearing–Impaired Infants to the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program; altering the membership and duties of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council; altering the length of an Advisory Council member's term; providing for staggered terms for Advisory Council members; altering the number of times the Advisory Council must meet each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 8-416(c) and HG, §§ 13-601 through 13-605 and 15-125 - amended Assigned to: Finance

SB 104 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH OFFICERS AND BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH – AUTHORITY TO RETAIN COLLECTIONS AND WAIVE CHARGES

Authorizing a health officer for a county and the Baltimore City Commissioner of Health to authorize a county health department and the Baltimore City Health Department to retain collections received from specified fees, with specified exceptions; requiring each county health officer and the Baltimore City Commissioner of Health to report annually to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on the use of the retained collections; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, §§ 3-306 and 16-201(b) - amended

SB 105 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH – VITAL RECORDS – BIRTH CERTIFICATES – PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

Altering the period of time, from 72 hours to 5 calendar days after a birth occurs, within which specified persons must prepare and file a birth certificate with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, specified persons must provide specified information required on a birth certificate, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must verify a birth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, § 4-208(a), (b), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 106 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BETWEEN BUSINESS ENTITIES – REORGANIZATIONS – EXEMPTION

Exempting from the recordation tax and the State transfer tax the transfer of real property between specified business entities as part of a specified reorganization; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TP, §§ 12-108(p) and 13-207(a)(9) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 107 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

STATE LOTTERY – RETAILER LICENSES – BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Adding a specified background investigation requirement to the application process for a State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency retailer license; authorizing the Director of the Agency to require specified applicants to submit fingerprints for specified records checks; requiring the Central Repository in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide the Agency with specified information; requiring the Agency to submit specified information and fees to the Central Repository; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 9-112.1 - added

SB 108 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

STATE LOTTERY - UNLAWFUL REPRESENTATION

Prohibiting a person or governmental unit from holding itself out as a State lottery sales agent unless the person or governmental unit is licensed to act as an agent; prohibiting a person from using specified terms related to the State lottery in the title or name of a charitable or commercial enterprise, product, or service unless the person receives written authorization from the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 9-124 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 109 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – ELECTRONIC FILING

Requiring that specified financial disclosure statements be filed electronically with the State Ethics Commission; and requiring the Ethics Commission to develop and implement specified procedures for the electronic filing of a financial disclosure statement and for the granting of exemptions to the mandatory electronic filing requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 15-602(a) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 110 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FULLY ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION – REGISTRATION

Repealing, altering, and adding defined terms relating to the registration of institutions of higher education that offer fully online distance education programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 11-202.2 - amended

SB 111 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ADVISORY COUNCILS

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish a Private Career School Advisory Council; and repealing the requirement that the Commission establish a William Donald Schaefer Scholarship Advisory Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 11-106 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 112 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – REPEAL

Repealing the Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program for State community colleges, including the authority of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt regulations relating to the Program; and repealing a cross—reference to the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 16-317 and 17-302(f) - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 113 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

CRIMINAL LAW - CONTRABAND - TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES - PENALTY

Prohibiting a person from attempting to deliver a telecommunication device to a person detained or confined in a specified place of confinement; making it a felony instead of a misdemeanor to commit a specified offense; and altering a penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 9-417 - amended

SB 114 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

PUBLIC SAFETY – INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT – NAME CHANGE AND DUTIES

Changing the name of the Internal Investigative Unit in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Intelligence and Investigative Division; and requiring the Intelligence and Investigative Division to oversee and coordinate intelligence efforts within the Department, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, CP, HG, LE, PS, and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 115 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MINIMUM SECURITY INMATES – TRANSFER TO LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Repealing a requirement that a transfer of a minimum security inmate from a State correctional facility to a local correctional facility be for participation in community—oriented correctional programs; and authorizing the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to make a specified transfer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, § 9-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 116 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

JUVENILE LAW – COMMITTED FACILITIES – REPEAL OF TERMINATION

Repealing the termination of specified provisions of law authorizing the Department of Juvenile Services to transfer a child committed to residential placement from a specified facility to another facility under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2012, § 3 - amended

SB 117 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

JUVENILE LAW - COMMITMENT - PLACEMENT VISITS

Authorizing the use of video conferencing by a juvenile counselor for specified commitment placements under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-8A-25 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 118 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION – FACILITIES

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Juvenile Services adopt regulations requiring the provision of year—round educational services in residential programs; repealing a requirement that the State Department of Education develop and implement an educational program specific to the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School; repealing requirements related to the transmission of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HU, § 9-227(b)(3) and ED, § 22-303 - amended and ED, § 22-308 - repealed Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 119 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Subsequent Injury Fund Board)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND – BILLING ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Requiring, on or before July 1, 2014, and on or before July 1 each year thereafter, an employer or its insurer that is liable for payment of specified Subsequent Injury Fund assessments to notify the Subsequent Injury Fund of the current billing address to which notices of payment shall be sent; requiring the employer or its insurer to notify the Subsequent Injury Fund of any change of billing address within 30 days of the change of address; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

LE, § 9-806(a)(3) - added

SB 120 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – PARENT SURROGATES

Adding the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the list of public agencies required to request a local school system superintendent to appoint a parent surrogate to represent a child at any point in the educational decision making process if it is suspected that the child may be disabled.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 8-412(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 121 Senator Benson

PUBLIC SAFETY – REMOVAL OF DEAD BODIES – POLICE PRESENCE

Requiring, on request of a mortuary science practitioner, a police officer called to a residence where an individual has died to remain at the residence until the body has been removed from the residence by the mortuary science practitioner or medical examiner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 3-509 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 122 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

JUVENILE LAW – DETENTION – COMMUNITY DETENTION VIOLATION HEARINGS

Requiring an intake officer who authorized detention of a child for a violation of community detention to immediately file a petition to authorize continued detention; requiring that a hearing on a specified petition be held no later than the next court day unless extended under specified circumstances; and requiring notice of the hearing be given to specified persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-8A-15 - amended

SB 123 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FUND – REVENUE SOURCES AND AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

Adding to the Major Information Technology Development Project Fund money from the sale, lease, or exchange of communications facilities and money received from information technology agreements involving resource sharing; and requiring that specified money paid into the Fund be used for a specified purpose and expanding the authorized uses of the Fund to include that purpose.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SF, § 3A-309(e) and (i) - amended and § 3A-309(l) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 124 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND LIDA LEE TALL LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER – REPEAL

Repealing the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 24-101 through 24-106 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 125 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

STATE-AIDED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Updating the information required in the documentation supporting an application for qualification as a State-aided institution; and updating the criteria on which the State Superintendent of Schools must review and comment regarding a list of qualified State-aided educational institutions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 5-501(b) and 5-504 - amended

SB 126 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

PUBLIC SAFETY – PROHIBITION OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS BY EMPLOYERS – EXEMPTION

Exempting from the prohibition against an employer requiring or demanding, as a condition of employment, that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination or other similar test individuals who are employed as correctional officers in a State correctional facility and individuals who apply for employment or are employed in any capacity that involves direct personal contact with an inmate in a State correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 3-702(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 127 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MANURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to determine the amount of specified cost—share matching funds provided under the Manure Transportation Project; and repealing specified caps on the per ton amount of cost—share matching funds available under the Manure Transportation Project. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

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AG, § 8-704.2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 128 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

EDUCATION – COMPENSATORY EDUCATION GRANTS – FEDERAL COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

Altering for specified fiscal years a definition to determine the number of students used to calculate a grant for schools that participate in a specified federal program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED, § 5-207(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 129 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – OFFICIALS AND REGULATED LOBBYISTS – LATE–FILING PENALTIES

Altering specified fees that an official or a regulated lobbyist must pay for failing to file in a timely manner a required report or financial disclosure statement form with the State Ethics Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 15-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 130 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION – REPORTS OF ACCIDENTAL INJURY OR DISABILITY – ELECTRONIC SHARING

Repealing a requirement than an employer send copies of specified reports of an accident or injury to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; repealing a requirement that the Workers' Compensation Commission report to the Commissioner a determination regarding industrial injuries associated with an employer or industry; requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission to provide the Commissioner with electronic access to specified employer reports of accidental injury or disability due to occupational disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

LE, §§ 5-702, 9-312, and 9-707 - amended